

adversity of his own life and turned it into a benefit for others.

#### SUPPORT THE ECONOMIC FREEDOM ACT

(Mr. ROONEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROONEY. Madam Speaker, Florida's unemployment just reached a record 12.3 percent, and in some areas of my district it's as high as 15 percent. My constituents continue to ask me, "Where are the jobs?" Many claim that the layoffs are driving up the unemployment rate. But the real culprit is the lack of jobs being created in the private sector.

Americans who have been jobless for over a year will continue down that road if new jobs simply do not exist. And I am not talking about temporary government jobs. Congress must work to stop spending and create a favorable environment for businesses to save money and invest by cutting taxes and incentivize banks to start lending again.

Increasing the Federal Government's control over the free market and spending money we do not have is not the answer. Americans have made that clear. That is why today I cosponsored the Economic Freedom Act. This bill will lower job-killing taxes on businesses and rein in excessive government spending. This is the type of solution Americans deserve.

#### CELEBRATING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF RUSSO'S BAR & GRILL

(Mr. TONKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 90th anniversary of Russo's Bar & Grill in Amsterdam, New York, a city I have proudly called home my entire life.

John Russo opened Russo's in 1920 as the Mohawk Grocery Store. After the repeal of Prohibition in 1933, John turned the grocery store into a tavern and pool hall. He then passed it to his children, Pat, Angelo, Vince, and Lou. Other than Lou's sad passing, the others are still alive and well today. The restaurant eventually was passed along to its current owners, Mike and Barbara Russo.

However, Russo's is much more than a run-of-the-mill restaurant. Russo's is about family, a gathering place, old American ideals, an immigrant's dream, and a successful small business. Perhaps that is why even then-candidate Hillary Clinton recognized the importance of Russo's, making a campaign stop there during her successful 2000 run for a United States Senate seat.

Nearly a century ago, John Russo planted his dream seed, which germinated and grew over generations to

what we see today, a continuing tradition and legacy of fine food, family gathering, a sense of place, and a gathering post after local community meetings and events. Russo's has the recipe for success, tasty success, for 90 years. Congratulations, Russo's.

#### NATIONAL MEDIA SHOW DOUBLE STANDARD ON GOLDMAN SACHS COVERAGE

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, during President George W. Bush's first term, the national media gave extensive coverage to the Bush administration's relationship with Enron. The New York Times wrote, "Their ties are broad and deep and go back many years." Time Magazine reported on "Bush's Enron Problem." A Chicago Tribune headline read, "Bush urged to be open about Enron."

Eight years later, by comparison, national coverage of the Obama administration's connection to Goldman Sachs is scarce. The SEC has filed suit against Goldman Sachs, charging it intentionally misled investors who participated in a mortgage securities deal that was designed to fail. Goldman Sachs employees gave President Obama over \$1 million in campaign contributions, nearly seven times as much as President Bush received from Enron workers, according to numbers on OpenSecrets.org and as reported by the Washington Examiner. The Examiner also reported that several current and former members of the Obama administration have close ties to Goldman Sachs.

The national media should give Americans the facts, not practice double standards.

#### DO NOT LAY OFF TEACHERS

(Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. I agree with my friends on the other side of the aisle, we must create jobs. And we are working intensely to do that. My recollection is that during the Clinton administration, we created some 22 million-plus jobs. In the Obama administration we are increasing our hold on not losing jobs and increasing jobs.

I hope my colleagues will join me in arguing two points: one, we must invest in the private sector, but our banking industry must invest in small businesses to allow them to hire individuals; and two, we must not lose America's teachers. That is the public sector. But who can afford to lose 300,000 teachers? We must call that an emergency and begin to work on the idea of saving the Nation's teachers.

To the Nation's teachers, stand up for your job because you are standing up for the education of our children.

Who can afford to lose the best and the brightest? We lose that when we begin to lay off teachers. We should end any thought about laying off America's teachers.

#### UNCERTAINTY IMPACTING SMALL BUSINESSES

(Mr. NEUGEBAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, I've spent a number of weeks back in my district, the 19th Congressional District of Texas, talking to small businesses all throughout the district about the economy and about jobs, which is on the minds of the American people, and particularly the people in the 19th Congressional District.

Many of them said, Congressman, we would be spending money, we would be expanding our business, but Congress is creating such an uncertainty that we don't know what to do. They're still trying to figure out how this health care bill is going to impact them. They're still trying to figure out if this Congress is going to pass a cap-and-trade bill that will increase the cost of energy. They hear Congress talking about all kinds of taxes, VAT taxes, gasoline taxes.

And now they see Congress is spending and borrowing money it doesn't have, running up these record deficits. And they said, Congressman, we're just uncertain about what the future is in this country.

In fact, when I go around to clubs and meetings, I ask people in the audience to raise their hand if they are living out a better life than their parents. Everybody's hand raises. But when I ask them how many people think, based upon the course we are on today, that their children and grandchildren will live a better day, the hands are brought down.

Mr. Speaker, we need to get back to the basics here, cut spending, cut taxes, and get the American people back to work.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HIMES). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

#### HONORING MILLARD VAUGHN OAKLEY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DAVIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, the Upper Cumberland region of Tennessee is known throughout the country for its unparalleled natural beauty. Its rivers and streams, rolling